
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1113

AN ACT ELIMINATING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL MANDATES.

SUMMARY:

This bill makes numerous changes in state mandates to municipalities, including repealing obsolete statutes. Specifically, it:

1. requires municipalities to pay their animal control officers a salary and expenses and eliminates provisions related to an alternative payment system;
2. eliminates the requirement that municipalities license itinerant vendors and makes changes to the state licensure process;
3. eliminates the requirement that municipalities license junk dealers and that junk dealers comply with recordkeeping and other requirements;
4. requires town clerks and assessors or boards of assessors to submit to the Office of Policy and Management secretary quarterly, instead of monthly, data on real property transfers;
5. allows towns to hold a regular meeting, rather than a special meeting within 21 days, to consider adopting bazaar or raffle ordinances;
6. permits local fire marshals to send by email, as well as first class mail, requests to the state fire marshal for a variation or exemption from the fire safety code;
7. repeals the requirement that a town's appointing authority file a certificate of appointment of a health director with the public health commissioner;

8. eliminates the requirement that a town's appointing authority file a certified notice of appointment with the secretary of the state and town clerk regarding the appointment of a health director who is also the registrar of vital statistics; and
9. eliminates the requirement that, for FY 01 only, towns with dog racing tracks operating before July 5, 1991, pay the Northeast Connecticut Economic Alliance 0.2% of the total amount wagered on dog racing events at those tracks.

The bill also makes conforming and technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013, and the sections related to municipal taxes apply to assessment years beginning on or after October 1, 2013.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS (§§ 11, 15)

The bill requires, instead of allows, towns with 25,000 or fewer residents to pay all animal control officers (ACOs) a salary and expenses and eliminates laws requiring (1) ACOs to make monthly sworn statements regarding services rendered; (2) towns to remunerate them and pay additional amounts for the sale, return, capture, impoundment, or killing of dogs; and (3) officers to remit any money received in the line of duty to the town or state.

JUNK DEALERS (§§ 10, 15)

The bill eliminates laws (1) authorizing towns to license junk dealers and (2) requiring these dealers to record and attest to their transactions and display their license information. It retains the definition of junk dealer and the provision relating to scrap metal processors.

ITINERANT VENDORS (§ 15)

The bill eliminates a requirement that towns license itinerant vendors. It continues to require the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) to issue licenses to such vendors, but removes requirements (1) making state itinerant vendor licenses expire after one year, (2) that the state file expired or unwanted licenses, and (3) setting forth the procedure for notifying the state that a license cannot

be returned for filing.

TABLE OF REPEALERS (§ 15)

This bill repeals a number of statutes, as enumerated below.

Table 1: Repealed Provisions

Statutory Citation	Summary of Provision
§§ 1-10, 1-11	Requires record keepers in state, town, or probate district departments or offices to use ink and loose-leaf binders approved by the public records administrator for record keeping purposes
§ 12-82	Requires towns to give a \$1,000 property tax exemption to veterans of Allied services of World War I
§§ 17b-125, 17b-126	Allows towns to recoup the cost of aid provided under the obsolete town General Assistance Program
§§ 21-11, 21-12 to -14	Requires junk dealers to (1) be licensed, (2) record and make weekly sworn statements of their transactions, (3) keep goods for five days after a sworn statement is made, and (4) display their license
§§ 21-29, 21-30	Requires towns to license itinerant vendors and exempt veterans from the licensing requirement
§ 21-31	Makes state itinerant vendor licenses expire one year after issuance, requires expired and surrendered state licenses to be filed by the DCP commissioner, and prohibits a local license from being valid longer than the corresponding state license
§ 21-32	Permits itinerant vendors to file an affidavit to notify the DCP commissioner that a state itinerant vendor license has been lost and allows the commissioner to accept the affidavit in lieu of the surrendered license
§ 22-334	Requires ACOs to make monthly sworn statements regarding services rendered, towns to pay officers bonuses, and officers to remit any money received in the line of duty
§ 22-337	Requires towns to post notice of dog licensing requirements

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/22/2013)